

# SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT

Facility Permit Number: 19-AA-0855

**1. Name and Street Address of Facility:**

Griffith Park Composting Facility  
5400 Griffith Park Drive  
Los Angeles, California 90027

**2. Name and Mailing Address of Operator:**

City of Los Angeles  
Bureau of Sanitation  
11950 Lopez Canyon Road  
Lake View Terrace, California 91342

**3. Name and Mailing Address of Owner:**

City of Los Angeles  
Bureau of Sanitation  
1149 South Broadway, Room 800  
Los Angeles, California 90015

#### 4. Specifications:

**a. Permitted Operations:**

- ☐ Solid Waste Disposal Site                      ☐ Transformation Facility  
☐ Transfer/Processing Facility (MRF)        ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Composting Facility

**b. Permitted Hours of Operation:**

6:00 am to 2:30 pm, Monday - Friday

**c. Permitted Cubic Yards per Operating Day:**

Total: 200 Cubic Yards/Day

**d. Permitted Traffic Volume:**

Total: 15 Vehicles/Day

**e. Key Design Parameters (detailed parameters are shown on site plans):**

	Total	Disposal	Transfer	Composting	Transformation
Permitted Area (acres)	1.25 a	N/A	N/A	1.25 a	N/A
Storage Capacity		N/A	N/A	2,400 cubic yards	N/A
Max. Elevation (ft. MSL)		N/A			
Max. Depth (ft. BGS)		N/A			
Estimated Closure Date		N/A			

Upon a significant change in design or operation from that described herein, this permit is subject to revocation or suspension. The attached findings and conditions are integral parts of this permit and supersede the conditions of any previously issued solid waste facility permit.

**5. Approval:**

**Approving Officer Signature**

Wayne Tsuda, LEA Program Manager  
**Name/Title**

**6. Local Enforcement Agency Name and Address:**

City of Los Angeles  
Department of Building and Safety  
3550 Wilshire Blvd., 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, California 90010

**7. Received by CalRecycle:**

MAR 08 2011

**8. CalRecycle Concurrence Date:**

**9. Permit Issue Date:**

## 10. Permit Review Date:

## 11. Owner/Operator Transfer Date:

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**12. Legal Description of Facility:**

Portion of Lot 38 of the Rancho Los Feliz Tract  
34.15055, -118.29833 (Latitude & Longitude)

**13. Findings:**

- a. The facility is identified in the City of Los Angeles Non-Disposal Facility Element. [Public Resources Code (PRC), Section 50001 (a)(2)].
- b. This Permit is consistent with standards adopted by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). [PRC, Section 44010].
- c. The design and operation of the facility is in compliance with the State Minimum Standards for Solid Waste Handling and Disposal as determined by the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA). [PRC, Section 44009].
- d. The local fire protection agency, the Los Angeles City Fire Department, has determined that the facility is in conformance with applicable standards as required in PRC, Section 44151.
- e. On January 14, 1997, the Bureau of Sanitation issued the original Notice of Exemption for the establishment of the permanent Griffith Park Composting Facility. The City of Los Angeles Local Enforcement Agency has determined that the solid waste facility permit is being issued to replace the registration permit that was issued on April 3, 1997 without any significant changes to the facility's permit limits or operations. The LEA has determined that pursuant to 14 CCR, Section 15301 that this application would fall under Categorical Exemption, Class 1 – Existing Facilities. This Categorical Exemption allows for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing private facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.
- f. Based on the Report of Composting Site Information (RCSI) dated October 19, 2010 and revised November 9, 2010, the LEA is satisfied that this facility will provide measures to adequately control noise levels, gas/odor nuisances, traffic congestion, litter nuisances, and vectors such that there will be no significant impact on the local residences.

**14. Prohibitions:**

The permittee is prohibited from accepting any liquid waste, non-hazardous wastes requiring special handling, designated waste or hazardous waste, and unless the acceptance of such waste is authorized by all applicable permits. In the event that hazardous or suspected hazardous wastes are brought into the facility, the operator is required to follow procedures for obtaining information, notification, handling and disposal as outlined in the RCSI.

The permittee is additionally prohibited from the following items or activities:

- Acceptance of solid waste materials not included in the approved RCSI,
- Acceptance of treated wood or wood treated with lead based paint,
- Acceptance of liquid waste, containerized or not,
- Acceptance of radioactive wastes
- Scavenging or open burning,
- Acceptance of slurries, untreated medical waste, or dead animals.

**15. The following documents also describe and/or restrict the design and operation of this facility:**

	Date:		Date:
Report of Composting Site Information (RCSI)	October 19, 2010 Revised November 9, 2010	Identification in Non-Disposal Facility Element	July 2002
Local & County Ordinances	Municipal Code	Finding of Conformance - LA Co SWTF	May 15, 1997

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16. Self-Monitoring: Results of all self-monitoring programs as described in the RCSI will be reported as follows:  
(The monitoring reports are delinquent 30 days after the end of the reporting period)

Program:	Reporting Frequency:	Agency Reported To:
The types and quantities of green material, zoo doo (animal manure and wood chips) and biosolids received each day. The operator shall maintain these records on the facility's premises for a minimum of one year and made available to any Enforcement Agencies' personnel on request.	<b>Monthly</b> (Due by the 15th of each month)	<b>LEA</b>
The quantity of finished compost and residual removed from the facility each day.		
The number and type of vehicles using the facility per day.		
All incidents of unlawful disposal of prohibited materials and the operator's actions taken. Indicate those incidents which occurred as a result of the random load checking program.		
Copies of all written complaints regarding this facility and the operator's actions taken to resolve these complaints. (Notification to the LEA within one day following the complaint is also required.)		
The quantities and types of hazardous wastes, untreated medical wastes, or otherwise prohibited wastes found in the waste stream and the disposition of these materials.		
Sampling results for pathogenic organisms and metals as required by 14 CCR, Chapter 3.1, Article 7		
Reports of all special/unusual occurrences and the operator's actions taken to correct these problems.		
Record of receipt of a Notice of Violation from any regulatory agency. In addition, the operator shall notify the LEA <b>at once</b> following receipt of a Notice of Violation or upon receipt of notification of complaints regarding the facility, which have been received by other agencies.		



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**17. LEA Conditions:**

- a. This facility shall comply with all the State Minimum Standards for compostable materials handling facilities as specified in Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR).
- b. This facility shall comply with all federal, state, and local requirements and enactments.
- c. Information concerning the design and operation of this facility shall be furnished, in a timely manner, upon request by the LEA.
- d. The operator shall maintain a copy of this permit and RCSI at the facility so as to be available at all times to facility personnel and to Enforcement Agencies' personnel.
- e. The LEA reserves the right to suspend, modify or revoke this permit when deemed necessary due to an emergency, a potential health hazard, the creation of a public nuisance.
- f. The operator shall notify the LEA, in writing, of any proposed significant changes in the routine facility operation or changes in facility design during the planning stages. In no case shall the operator undertake any changes unless the operator first submits to the LEA a notice of said changes at least 180 days before said changes are undertaken, and those changes are approved by the LEA. Any significant change as determined by the LEA would require a revision of this permit.
- g. The permitted maximum daily capacity of this facility has been determined to be 200 cubic yards per day of incoming material.
- h. The operator shall comply with all conditions and requirements as approved in the RCSI.
- i. The operator shall comply with all of the requirements of all applicable laws pertaining to employee health and safety.
- j. The site must be supervised by trained individuals with relevant experience at all times during operating hours. Supervisors and managers must have the authority to commit company resources in a timely manner to resolve emergency and non-emergency health, safety and environmental issues, if such action is necessary, to protect the health and safety of site employees and the nearby community.
- k. The operator shall maintain, at the facility, accurate daily records of the weight and/or volume of all incoming and outgoing materials. These records shall be made available to the LEA's personnel and to the CalRecycle personnel for inspection and shall be maintained on site for a period of at least three years.
- l. The operator must provide additional dust and odor control measures and other environmental and health/safety measures upon the request of the LEA if such measures, as provided in the RCSI, prove to be inadequate.
- m. Noise levels at the property boundaries shall be minimized and in conformance with the Chapter XI – Noise Regulations of the Los Angeles City Municipal Code.
- n. The operator shall provide daily cleaning of the entire composting facility. If water is used as the cleaning agent, runoff from such wash downs shall not leave the site.
- o. Operational controls shall be established to preclude the receipt and disposal of hazardous waste and volatile organic chemicals or other types of prohibited wastes. The operator shall comply with the approved Hazardous Waste Load Checking Program. Any changes in this program must be approved by the LEA prior to implementation. The following Solid Waste Facility Permit conditions supplement those conditions:
  - (1) The minimum number of random waste vehicle loads to be inspected daily at this facility is one (1). The LEA reserves the right to increase the required number of incoming waste load inspections.
  - (2) The personnel training and load check procedures necessary for the program must be submitted and approved by the LEA. Visual inspections are to be performed by trained spotters and equipment operators. The LEA must review and approve this program and operation. Additional measures may be required upon the request of the LEA.
  - (3) In the event that hazardous or suspected hazardous wastes are brought into the facility, the operator is required to follow procedures for obtaining information, notification, handling and disposal as outlined in the approved Load Check Program.
  - (4) Suspected hazardous wastes must be properly labeled and stored in the hazardous waste containment area, if they are stored overnight.
  - (5) It is the responsibility of the facility operator to dispose of any prohibited materials (hazardous or suspected hazardous materials, liquid, sludges, radioactive or medical wastes) in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations.
  - (6) Incidents of unlawful disposal of prohibited materials shall be reported to the LEA monthly as described in the monitoring section of this permit. In addition, the following agencies shall be notified immediately, after each occurrence, if applicable, of any incidents of illegal hazardous materials disposal:
    - I. Los Angeles County Fire Prevention Bureau, Hazardous Materials Division
    - II. Environmental Crimes Division, L.A. County District Attorney
    - III. California Highway Patrol

**17. LEA Conditions**

- p. The operator shall maintain a daily log of special/unusual occurrences. If there are no special occurrences for a given day, that day's entry shall read "none". This log shall include, but are not necessarily limited to:

Any loads refused entry into the facility, potentially live ammunition, fires, explosions, earthquakes, discharge of hazardous liquids or gases to the ground or the atmosphere, or significant injuries, accidents, or property damage.

Each of these log entries shall be accompanied by a summary of any actions taken by the operator to mitigate the occurrence. The operator shall maintain this log at the facility so as to be available at all times to site personnel and to the Enforcement Agencies' personnel. Any of these specified entries made in this log must be promptly reported to the LEA. Only authorized personnel can make entries into this log. If a situation arises that cannot be handled by facility personnel then call 911 or another outside emergency agency, as appropriate. The LEA shall be notified immediately after the appropriate outside emergency agency has been notified.

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